

THE COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS

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MEETING OF THE COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS

16 June 1988

AM 10:00

CONVENE, 708 Jackson Place, N. W., Washington, D. C.

I. ADMINISTRATION

A. Approval of 19 May 1988 minutes.

B. Dates of next meetings:

28 July 1988 (Thursday)

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C. Union Station sign and paving mock-up inspection. Discussion.

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A. National Park Service,
National Capital Region

CFA 16/JUN/88-1, Peace Garden; site selection.

B. U. S. Army, Office of the Chief of Engineers

CFA 16/JUN/88-2, Arlington National Cemetery; design for Phase II, Columbarium.

C. Smithsonian Institution,
National Zoological Park

CFA 16/JUN/88-3, Amazonia Exhibit; preliminary designs.

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D. Department of State

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- a. CFA 16/JUN/88-4, Chancery of Ghana; proposed design details for landscaping and fence.
- b. CFA 16/JUN/88-5, Child Care Facility; proposed design.

2. CFA 16/JUN/88-6, Main State Department Building, 23rd and C Streets, N. W.; rooftop alterations to permit installation of new chimney flue.

E. District of Columbia Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs

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- b. S.L. 88-75, 501 G Street, N. W. Restoration/renovation of historic commercial building; permit. (Previous case S.L. 88-30.)
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- d. Appendix I.

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2. Old Georgetown Act

- a. O.G. 88-107, -108, 1810-12 Wisconsin Avenue, N. W. Partial demolition and concept for new building, revised design. (Previously reviewed 19/MAY/1988.)
- b. O.G. 88-141, 3278 Prospect Street, N. W. New single family residence; concept design.
- c. O.G. 88-149, 3100 Dumbarton Street, N. W. New pool, curb cut and garage; permit.
- d. Appendix II.

Luncheon Recess

F. Pennsylvania Avenue Development Corporation

1. CFA 16/JUN/88-7, Market Square, Pennsylvania Avenue and 8th Street, N. W.; material sample discussion. (Previously reviewed 20/NOV/86-2, S.L. 87-26.)
2. CFA 16/JUN/88-8, Federal Triangle lighting plan; final designs and proposed lighting of Treasury Terrace. (Previously reviewed 17/MAR/88-4, November 1987.)
3. CFA 16/JUN/88-9, Federal Bureau of Investigation Building, 9th and Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W.; proposed murals. (Previously reviewed 18/SEPT/87-8.)

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Appendix I

SHIPSTEAD-LUCE SUBMISSIONS

<u>NO.</u>	<u>ADDRESS AND OWNER</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>
S.L. 88-74	801 17th Street, N.W. Federal Home Loan Bank	Permit for existing signs
ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for existing signs described in application received and dated 11 May 1988.		

S.L. 88-78	8126 West Beach Drive, N.W. Everdine S. Jones	Retaining walls - permit
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ACTION: Recommend against issuance of permit for proposed front yard retaining walls. Retaining walls as submitted are inappropriate to the character of residential properties facing Rock Creek Park in this area. Recommend softening edges of previously excavated front yard by sloping the ground and landscaping. (See S.L. 88-19)

S.L. 88-113	1315 20th Street, N.W. Anne Witherspoon Residence	New photo album display
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ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed photo album display as shown on Working Drawing which contains 11 concept design as approved, June 8, 88-113.

S.L. 88-129	2122 D Street, N.W. Earl A. Leavelle Residence	Back yard addition concept
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ACTION: No objection to concept design for proposed back yard addition as shown in drawings received 25 April 1988. Final design drawings for Commission approval pending.

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OLD GEORGETOWN SUBMISSIONS

<u>NO.</u>	<u>ADDRESS AND OWNER</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>
O.G. 88-162	2800 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Four Seasons Hotel Residence	New gym facility - permit
ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed alterations to Canal side of existing hotel as shown in drawings received and dated 20 May 1988 which conform to concept design as approved. (See O.G. 88-117)		
O.G. 88-147	2522 Q Street, N.W. John Blaxhall Residence	Garage & patio addition off alley - concept
ACTION: No objection to concept of proposed garage and terrace on dead-end alley. Concept is intended to compliment an existing neighboring garage and terrace as well as screen commercial garage facilities to the east. Submit working drawings containing landscape materials when ready. Recommend that adjacent trees be protected.		
O.G. 88-163	1316 30th Street, N.W. Anne Witherspoon Residence	New pent dormer - permit
ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed dormer addition as shown on working drawing which conforms to concept design as approved. (See O.G. 88-115)		
O.G. 88-138	3149 O Street, N.W. Rari & Kauai Gulhati Residence	Roof top addition - concept
ACTION: No objection to concept design for proposed roof top addition as shown in drawings received and dated 25 April 1988. Submit working drawings for Commission approval when ready.		

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O.G. 88-150	1321 31st Street, N.W. Joan Bingham Residence	New window wall - permit

ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed alterations shown in drawing received and dated 17 May 1988.

O.G. 88-157	1815 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W. Pizza Hut Restaurant	Alterations, awnings & signs - concept
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ACTION: No objection to concept alterations to existing building for restaurant use. Submit working drawings providing for shed-type awnings without lettering, concealed roof-top mechanical equipment, and parking lot lighting deflected toward building.

O.G. 88-156	1517 30th Street, N.W. Mr. & Mrs. E.J. Applewhite Residence	Skylight installation - permit
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ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed skylight as shown in drawings received and dated 17 May 1988.

O.G. 88-158	1042 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W. 1042 Limited Partnership Business	Alley fire exit - permit
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ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed exit on alley as shown in drawings received and dated 17 May 1988.

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O.G. 88-160	1361 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W. First Washington Management Business	Storefront security gate - permit
ACTION: Recommend against issuance of permit for existing security gate. Gates of this kind, screens and metal blinds attached to the fronts of buildings, are not appropriate to the historic district nor sympathetic to the buildings in question. Recommend an interior security solution.		
O.G. 88-143	3267 N Street, N.W. Georgetown Development Group Apartments	Areaway air- conditioning units and pre- fab chimneys - permit
ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed alterations shown in supplemental drawings received and dated 2 June 1988.		
O.G. 88-155	1239 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W. Olsson's Books & Records Business	Air- conditioning roof unit - permit
ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for roof-top air-conditioning unit as proposed.		
O.G. 88-161	2715 M Street, N.W. Corcoran Limited Partnership Business	Awnings/signs - permit
ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed awnings/signs as shown on drawings received and dated 20 May 1988.		

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O.G. 88-144	1548 34th Street, N.W. Walter A. Hitchcock, Jr. Residence	Replacement door - permit
ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed new door.		
O.G. 88-151	3211 O Street, N.W. Germar Properties Business	Awning/signs - permit
ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed awning and signs as shown in drawings received and dated 17 may 1988.		
O.G. 88-145	3159 O Street, N.W. Colonial Parking Business	Signs - permit
ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed signs which applicant has agreed will be mounted onto brick wall of parking lot.		
O.G. 88-146	3223 M Street, N.W. Jacob Soleiman Business	Sign - permit
ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed sign which is to be mounted directly above door and below transom glass.		

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MEETING OF THE COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS

16 June 1988

The meeting convened at 10:05 a.m. in the Commission of Fine Arts offices at 708 Jackson Place, N.W., Washington, D.C.

Members present:

Hon. J. Carter Brown, Chairman
Hon. Carolyn Deaver
Hon. Roy M. Goodman
Hon. Frederick E. Hart
Hon. Neil H. Porterfield
Hon. Diane Wolf

Staff Present:

Mr. Charles H. Atherton, Secretary
Mr. Donald B. Myer, Assistant
Mr. Jeffrey R. Carson
Mrs. Sue A. Kohler
Mr. Jose Martinez-Canino

I. ADMINISTRATION

A. Minutes of the 19 May 1988 meeting: approved.

B. Dates of next meetings: approved as 28 July 1988 (Thursday) and 16 September 1988 (Friday), a change from the Thursday schedule.

C. Union Station inspection report. The Chairman stated that the Commission had been to Union Station earlier and examined a mockup of an outdoor theater sign, which they approved as blending adequately into the modern parking garage structure and the architecture of the station. They had also examined a smooth Belgian-block paving material and a two-color granite scheme for crosswalks. The two-color paving would use gray pavers with darker outline at the edge of the designated walking area. The Chairman indicated that there were no objections to these materials. The south entrance to the former Presidential Reception room had been proposed, in May, to have an exterior vestibule. The Commission had recommended that alternatives be sought and understood that the developers were solving the problem on the interior rather than with a projecting structure on the historic exterior of Union Station.

II. SUBMISSIONS AND REVIEWS

A. National Park Service, National Capital Region. CFA 16/Jun/88-1, Peace Garden, site selection. The Secretary told the Commission that Congress had passed legislation for a garden dedicated to the concept of peace. The Commission had acted in favor of the legislation and had visited the preferred site, Hains Point, earlier in the day.

Mr. John Parsons, the Associate Director for Land Use Coordination was introduced and indicated that careful study had gone into the site selection and that the Park Service had been working closely with the memorial's sponsors. He introduced Mr. Reid Dillingham, a landscape architect, and a member of the design committee of the Peace Garden organizers. Mr. Dillingham indicated that the garden would be dedicated to the future, rather than commemorating the past. He gave a slide presentation showing features of the open site at the juncture of the Potomac and Anacostia rivers next to the Washington Channel. There was some general discussion about the planned international design competition and the site. Sen. Goodman asked for a list of the board of trustees. Miss Wolf brought up the existence on the site of a sculptural piece named "Awakening", by Seward Johnson. This giant scale bronze figure of a bearded man emerging from the ground with arms and legs in the air was generally viewed by the Commission as a novelty which should not be considered a given part of the site in the competition. Mr. Parsons indicated that the statue was on loan as part of a temporary exhibition, and was very likely for sale. Mr. Hart indicated that he thought it was a fine piece of sculpture, but not appropriate for a peace garden.

Sen. Goodman asked about the financial responsibility of the Memorial sponsors, indicating that a garden of this sort would have to be maintained at the highest standard. Mr. Parsons said that the Park Service was satisfied that the group was financially responsible and that an escrow account was normally set up, like an insurance policy, to protect the public interest. Long-term maintenance would be provided by the National Park Service. Miss Wolf then made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hart, that the site be approved provided "Awakening" was not considered a permanent element of the site. Without objection, the motion was approved. Exhibit A

B. U.S. Army, Corps of Engineers. CFA 16/Jun/88-2, Arlington Cemetery, Columbarium, Phase II. Mr. Myer noted that the Commission had visited the site earlier in the day with the cemetery superintendent, Mr. Ray Costanza, and had inspected the two completed courts. Phase II would be comprised of another two courts in partial completion of an overall masterplan which would eventually have eight similar courts on axis with the Tomb of the

Unknowns.

Drawings and a model depicted the complete columbarium area and the specific design of Phase II, which was slightly changed from the first and second courts. Mr. Bill Rousos, the architect, was introduced. He said that minor modifications provided utility space within the perimeter walls, but that the original scheme was still in effect. The Chairman said that not only had the Commission spent a good deal of time at the site earlier in the day, but that the master plan had also been reviewed and approved by the Commission. He complimented the architect on the design solution and noted four points the Commission would like to make.

The Chairman said that a key design feature was the axis of the Columbarium with the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and that the axis was obscured by trees. Opening up more of a vista by selective trimming should be considered. Mr. Rousos said that there was some feeling against removing one of the mature trees in the vista. The Chairman said that the vista involved a larger question and that the Commission would be happy to let the Arlington Cemetery staff know its position.

The second point was against waterproofing the ceremonial plaza area with white caulking compound, rather than using a color to match the stone.

A third point was the severe and unsightly spalling of the paving flagstones in the ceremonial plaza area. The Chairman suggested that better maintenance would help, but replacement or some type of stabilization should be seriously considered. Mr. Rousos also said that the best thing might be to sweep it more often. The Chairman pointed out that in terms of the magnitude of Defense Department budget, replacement would not be a substantial cost.

The fourth and major point the Chairman made in the Commission critique of existing and proposed conditions at the columbarium involved the design of the outer walls of the courts as they would meet the grass. The first court was all limestone and rose from the ground as a single material. The second court had been built with a stepped granite base intended to make a slight separation between the ground and the limestone walls for moisture protection. Mr. Rousos said that this had been done because limestone was such a porous material and soaked up ground water in the walls creating stains. He also suggested that the back-fill grading had settled a bit low to expose more of the granite than intended. The Chairman suggested that the original design should be the key for future construction. Mr. Porterfield added that the original did look much more beautiful in the landscape. He and the Chairman and Mr. Rousos then had a general discussion about how to blend in the change of materials if it was a necessity. Mr. Rousos suggested that incorporating a sloped joint between materials would be another way to mitigate the harshness of the stepping. Mr. Porterfield added that the moisture problem may be an overreaction rather than a

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Arlington Cemetery, Columbarium
Phase II

demonstrated problem and that the first court had no disturbing stains or marks. Mr. Rousos said that he never felt that having limestone contact the ground was good practice, but it would be possible to do better than court two. There was some general discussion with Miss Wolf adding that the granite was not so bad where it ran in a straight horizontal line across the base of the front of court two. The other members agreed with this point. Miss Wolf also mentioned some concern about landscaping inside courts and the discussion and response included a plan for a larger variety of materials inside, and infill plant material to cover for the young corner trees while they were maturing, and generally to soften the architecture while the canopy trees were growing. Without objection, the designs for Phase II were approved with comment on the above mentioned problems to be incorporated into the Commission's report to the Army. Exhibit B

C. Smithsonian Institution, National Zoological Park. CFA 16/June/88-3, Amazonia Exhibit; preliminary designs. Mr. Myer told the Commission that the Director of the National Zoo, Dr. Michael Robinson was present to make presentation on this proposal with the architect, Mr. Kent Cooper. Dr. Robinson said that one of the most important problems for this century was the world's rain forests which were in the process of rapidly disappearing. This exhibit would offer the public a look at this phenomenon, and would educate the public to the need for preserving this critical natural resource. He then introduced Mr. Cooper, who with colleague James Clark showed slides, drawings and a model of the proposal.

The architect's presentation illustrated some of the existing features of the Zoo, including the vacant Polar Bear Exhibit which would be renovated for the Amazonia exhibit. A domical space-frame structure would entirely enclose the existing exhibit area at a height that would accommodate dense tropical foliage. The main entrance would be on the upper level approached from the hillside, with a series of ramps down to the jungle floor leading to another lower level where underwater viewing windows would be provided. The architects then discussed the exhibitions, the building and the site in relation to the Zoo.

Following the presentation there were a number of questions, such as climate control and the effect of condensation on the glass roof. Dr. Robinson explained that such dripping was an integral part of the exhibit and that the normal schedule during exhibit hours call for periodic showers. Mr. Porterfield touched on the unique juncture of sculptural masonry walls and a space-frame structure. Mr. Cooper responded by saying that they had to deal with forty-five foot masonry walls and this was a way to avoid what could be a very large, blank facade. Mr. Porterfield asked if non-architectural solutions had been considered, and Mr. Cooper indicated that they had, along with a great variety of

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National Zoo, Amazonia Exhibit
Concept

alternatives. After some more general discussion, the Commission approved the project without objection. Exhibit C

D. Department of State

1. International Center

a. CFA 16/Jun/88-4, Chancery of Ghana; proposed design details for landscaping and fence. Mr. Carson noted the International Center and the Intelsat Building on an aerial photo, pointing out the site of the Chancery of Ghana. The building design had been previously approved by the Commission and there were matters of fencing and drainage which were now being submitted for review. Mr. Porterfield asked about the details of the drainage, and Mr. Carson indicated that the changes would provide for outflow of storm water, etc. Rip-rap would be covered with ivy and generally not be visible from public space. The periphery fence would be similar to others providing security for the individual chanceries. International Center buildings all had their own architectural identity and landscape. The fences also differed somewhat, but were designed from the same iron dowels as used elsewhere on the perimeter of the International Center. Mr. Carson introduced Mr. Jim Edgins, from the Department of State, who pointed out the various chancery sites and the common park areas in response to an inquiry by Mrs. Deaver. The design details were approved without objection. Exhibit D

b. CFA 16/Jun/88-5, Child Care Facility; proposed design. Mr. Carson pointed out this site toward Connecticut Avenue, next to the east side of the Intelsat Headquarters Building. Miss Wolf asked about the design of the equipment suggesting that it should have a high aesthetic standard and be suitable as to design, type, ground cover, etc. to provide for the differing nationalities, ethnic groups and ages likely to use the facility. The Chairman supported the idea of well-designed equipment and indicated that the present consideration was primarily for the site selection. Mr. Hart asked if the details would be submitted for Commission consideration; Mr. Edgins replied that they would. There was discussion about saving a large beech tree and Mr. Edgins said that current plans would preserve the tree. The consensus was that the existing trees would provide a shade canopy for the children and would also screen the facility from the Avenue. Without objection the site was approved. Exhibit D

2. CFA 16/Jun/88-6, Main State Department Building, 23rd and C Streets, N.W.; rooftop alterations to permit installation of new chimney flue. Mr. Carson showed drawings and photographs of an existing flue within the parapet area of the building over the seventh floor diplomatic reception rooms. A second chimney would be symmetrical with the first. After

looking at the submission materials the proposal was approved without objection. Exhibit E

E. District of Columbia Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs

1. Shipstead-Luce Act

a. S.L. 88-76, 2029 Allen Place, N.W., Rooftop addition and deck with gazebo; concept design. Mr. Carson described the project as an alteration to an existing house overlooking Rock Creek Park, in the Kalorama Historic District. He said that the project had been reviewed by the District of Columbia Historic Preservation Office and the Kalorama Citizens Association and neither had any objection provided the profile of the house was not visibly changed as seen from the street. He added that the changes would be visible from the side of the house, but this did not seem to concern the others. Mr. Carson pointed out that a gazebo at the rear of the roof deck would be visible from the Duke Ellington (Calvert Street) Bridge.

Mr. Maudlin, the architect, then discussed design changes based on review and discussion to date. An existing attic would be expanded for living space and a deck would occupy the rest of the roof with a gazebo at the far end. The architect indicated that through minor alterations to their original scheme, they had been able to avoid the problems the neighborhood and the Historic Preservation Review Board had been concerned about. After some general discussion the project was approved without objection.

b. S.L. 88-75, 501 G Street, N.W. Restoration/renovation of historic commercial building; permit. Exhibit F Mr. Carson presented drawings and photographs of this commercial building citing the Commission's approval of the concept design, (S.L. 88-30), and the addition of a handicapped ramp and awnings to the approved scheme. He noted that a fast food restaurant would occupy the building on the first and basement stories. Mr. Hart noted that the building had been in a derelict condition for at least a decade. He said that it was a grand building and that he would hate to see it junked up with signs. There was some general discussion, with Miss Wolf saying she wanted to see the building. The Chairman noted that the building has been in private ownership and was in danger of falling down. Fixing it up should be encouraged. The consensus was that the renovations be approved without signs or awnings and that these should be submitted in greater detail. Exhibit F

c. S.L. 88-80, 2328 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W. Swimming Pool and revised design for two-story rear addition; permit. Mr. Martinez presented photographs and drawings for revisions to a modest rear addition, previously approved by the Commission, which made it smaller in footprint and added a swimming pool within the fenced rear yard. Note was made that

the adjacent neighbors had objected to the previous scheme for a rear breakfast room addition. Mr. Hart asked if the neighbor objected to the diminished design. The architect, Mr. Canada, indicated that they seemed opposed to any addition, per se. There was some discussion of the changed design with the consensus^N being that the appearance of the addition would be enhanced by^A the revisions.

The new pool would be in-ground and within the existing fence line. Some additional landscape and latticework would also be provided. Mr. Porterfield pointed out that the pool did not present a visibility question. Miss Wolf asked to make a motion that the matter be sent to the Advisory Neighborhood Council. Mr. Canada said that he had taken the previous larger addition to the ANC which would not act on it. Both Mr. Porterfield and Mr. Hart expressed the opinion that the improved smaller design could stand on its own merits. The Chairman said the Commission's Shipstead-Luce Act mission in this case was to study the effect on Rock Creek Park, adding that sight-line studies indicated a negligible effect. Mr. Hart expressed concern about the Commission being manipulated into going back and forth between parties, and based on his artistic judgement, and the minimal effect on the public park, he moved approval of the project. Mr. Porterfield seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

Exhibit F

d. Appendix I was approved with the following discussion: Mr. Carson indicated that the S.L. 88-78, 8126 Beach Drive case involved front yard excavation for parking. The Commission had discussed the matter at a previous meeting and indicated that the concept needed refinement and coordination with the neighbors, several of whom had come to the meeting and expressed concern about this unusual proposal which had been begun without permits. Capt. Jones, the owner's son, was present and agreed to mitigate some of the architectural elements such as retaining walls and a basement garage entrance with landscaping, all of which was to be coordinated with the Commission staff. Since that was agreeable to the members the permit was approved on that basis.

LUNCHEON RECESS from 12:24 to 1:00 p.m.

E. District of Columbia Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (Continued)

2. Old Georgetown Act

a. O.G. 88-107, -108, 1810-12 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W. Partial demolition and concept for new building revised design. The applicant had not returned from lunch, so consideration of this project was delayed.

b. O.G. 88-141, 3278 Prospect Street, N.W. New single family residence; concept design. Mr. Myer used photographs and drawings to describe a proposal for a new structure to be sited on a wide, shallow lot in a predominantly two-story residential neighborhood, backing up to the rear of a residential/retail building facing M Street. He said that the Board had reviewed the design on 2 June 1988 and sent their report to the Commission. The applicant, Mr. Jamie Gore, was present to discuss his proposal with the Commission.

Mr. Gore described himself as the president of a corporation which had purchased the lot for the purpose of constructing a new residence. The site would require a variance from the Board of Zoning Appeals which, he noted, had been previously granted in 1981, though construction had never commenced. There was general discussion indicating that the BZA permit had expired and that the Commission had not reviewed a design at that time. Mr. Gore indicated that a variance was required because this was a substandard lot, but it was a lot of record. He then referred to his drawings and the Commission found it difficult to relate the design to the context, because the drawings showed only the subject house and not the adjacent structures.

Mr. Myer said that the Georgetown Board had been concerned about the proposed house being too big for the site and considerably higher than the neighboring residences. He noted that a suggestion had been made by the Advisory Neighborhood Council to table the matter pending an outcome of the BZA process. Since the matter had been properly submitted, however, the Board felt it would be better to pass on their comments to Mr. Gore and the Commission. The recommendations were against the design as being too big for the site and the street. Mrs. McDermid then reported the ANC request that the Commission not act prior to the BZA action. Both the Chairman and Mr. Hart suggested that further discussion would not be worthwhile.

A neighbor, Mr. Asper, who was a condominium owner in the adjacent building asked for the floor. He was opposed to the proposal because the condominium association expected that the building lot was a garden amenity for the complex. Construction of the house would destroy the open space.

At that point, the Chairman suggested that there would be little point in taking further time and that the design should be reviewed at a time after the BZA action was complete. Mr. Gore asked if that meant that the Commission had taken no action at all. The Chairman agreed this was true. Without objection from the Commission, that is where the matter was left. Exhibit F

a. (The applicant was now present, so the matter of O.G. 88-107, and -108 was taken up.) Mr. Myer indicated that the Commission had discussed these cases at its previous meeting and had looked at a sequence of six designs, recommending against all, pending an upper height limit to match 1828-1834 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W. He showed the drawings and model that the Commission had been discussing at that time and indicated that there had been compliance with that recommendation. The architects had measured the existing building and gotten a dimension of thirty-seven feet and two inches and redesigned their proposed structure to that height. The Board had reviewed the revision on 2 June 1988 and felt it complied with the Commission's ruling and was moving in the right direction. Subject to approval of the design for the new building they had no objection to the partial demolition of two existing buildings on the site.

The architect, Mr. Frank Schlesinger, then described the revised design which maintained the same number of stories, but was reduced in height. There was some general discussion about the design which had retained most of its previous features. Mr. Myer then said that there had been a number of community concerns expressed about the project during the reviews and that the ANC had expressed concerns including that of height.

Mrs. McDermid then indicated that the ANC was against all demolition and against a four story building. She then said she was reading a statement from ANC Commissioner Quirk in opposition to approval. (The date and status of the document was not given, nor was copy furnished for Commission records). This statement indicated that the Commission had recommended a maximum height no higher than the corner building and that the corner building was thirty-four vs. thirty-seven feet high. Other points included a suggestion that keeping new construction small was an excellent objective and he reiterated opposition to demolition of parts of the existing buildings. The statement cautioned about allowing demolition, because it could allow a dangerous precedent and would jepordize the adjacent eleven two-story commerical buildings. At this point an unidentified neighbor voiced opposition to the building as viewed on the 34th Street side, saying that he was concerned that a service entrance would be less attractive than the present conditions.

Mrs. Alicia Boyd, with the Foundation for Preservation of Historic Georgetown, said on behalf of the Citizens Association that they were opposed to demolition and any new construction ought to be compatible and in scale with the existing conditions in the vicinity. She then added that the Commission discussion had indicated a reference to a maximum height for new construction of three stories, if not two. She said that Mrs. McDermid had a copy of the Commission's transcript and could read



O.G. 88 - 107-108
1810-12 Wisconsin Avenue
New building, concept

this reference. A portion of the transcript was read which the Chairman and the Secretary pointed out included only a portion of the discussion and not the motion which was voted on.

The Chairman said that Commission agreed the the objective in controlling the height of the new construction was to match the height of the corner building. That was a question of fact and the Commission's opinion in the matter was fixed by a geometric relationship. He indicated that the issue of demolition had already been covered and that Commission Historian, Mrs. Kohler, might comment on the buildings involved. She repeated that they were a one and two story part of a 1920's row of residential scaled buildings. The front sixteen feet would be retained and the rear portions would be demolished. Mr. Schlesinger indicated that demolition included two more recent additions. Miss Wolf suggested that everyone would be happier if the project would save the entire fabric of the existing structures. Mr. Schlesinger said that the shape of the property and the heights involved made only one location feasible for the parking ramp, and that demanded partial demolition. Mr. Porterfield interjected that the designs had been very responsive to all suggestions from the Commission and that the criticism of the neighbor about the parking ramp could be missing the point because conditions would be improved with elimination of the existing dumpsters and trash area and installation of landscaping and the planted trellis.

The Chairman noted the extensive time and discussion that had gone into the project and the Board's feelings that the project was ready for concept approval. Mr. Hart moved approval of the design and the proposed demolition, and Mr. Porterfield gave a second. Approval was given without objection, stressing the proviso that specific height restrictions had to be met.

Exhibit F

c. O.G. 88-149, 3100 Dumbarton Street, N.W. New pool, curb cut and garage; permit. Mr. Myer told the Commission that this case had been postponed at the request of the applicant.

d. Appendix II was approved with discussion leading to the postponement of action on O.G. 88-162. This case related to a new underground athletic facility next to the C & O Canal side of the Four Seasons Hotel at 2800 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. The concept for this work included retterracing and installing a skylight in the landscaped area next to the towpath. Little modification to the hotel building was required. It had been approved by the Commission, O.G. 87-117. Because of questions raised by the National Park Service, the Chairman ruled that further approval would be withheld pending a site inspection.

(Mrs. Boyd interrupted the meeting to say that though proposed alterations at 3632 Prospect Street, N.W. (OG 88-135) were not on the agenda or the appendix there was some question about what the Commission's action had been on this case at the May 1988 meeting. The Secretary reported that the action had been concept approval subject to sightline studies and a site visit to be conducted later, and the record showed that a conditional approval was given. Mrs. Boyd felt that there had not been a formal vote. Mr. Hart said that the action was consistent with the consensus. At this point Miss Wolf asked for a copy of the transcript, and while one was being obtained, the Commission began discussion of the Market Square project. After that digression, discussion of 3632 Prospect resumed. When the Chairman reviewed the transcript he reported that it reflected enthusiasm for the design and a conditional approval. There was additional discussion and the action as reported by the Secretary was reaffirmed.)

F. Pennsylvania Avenue Development Corporation

1. CFA 16/Jun/88-7, Market Square, Pennsylvania Avenue and 8th Street, N.W.; material sample discussion. The Chairman asked the PADC Director, Mr. J. Brodie, to come forward to discuss the material samples which had been inspected and generally approved by the Commission earlier in the day. The materials included a use of stone, brick, and anodized metal window frames which had been mocked up on the site. The Commission had been met at the site by two representatives of the architects, Hartman/Cox. The only question was the color of the sash within the colonnade area. The sample was dark green, almost black, and seemed excessively dark compared to the deep bronze sash across the street at the National Archives. The suggestion was that the Market Square sash ought to be closer in tone to the Archives Building and not quite as dark as proposed. Mr. Porterfield suggested that a more neutral color would give the desired effect. General discussion gave a consensus that the dark green was too assertive, but the other samples were approved. Exhibit G

2. CFA 16/Jun/88-8, Federal Triangle lighting plan; final designs and proposed lighting of Treasury terrace. Mr. Brodie referred to the Commission's prior discussion and approval of the overall lighting scheme for the Federal Triangle and efforts to coordinate lighting throughout the adjacent monumental areas. The present discussion was to include plans for replicas of the old multi-lamp decorative fixtures on the four corners of the terrace, and some floodlighting of the statue. Ms. Stashik, a lighting consultant, agreed with the Chairman's statement that present conditions were insensitive. Miss Wolf said that the Old Executive Office Building, White House and Treasury should be uniformly lighted. Mr. Hart discussed the lighting of the statue

and the need to give it some character and shadow, saying that lighting sculpture from above would generally be best. There was additional discussion leading to the point that the lighting in the monumental core ought to be consistent in color and not be changed on an "ad hoc" basis. There was no objection to the proposed project. Exhibit G

3. CFA 16/Jun/88-9, Federal Bureau of Investigation Building, 9th and Pennsylvania, N.W.; proposed murals. Mr. Martinez described proposed decorative, historical panels for the blank street-level panels of the FBI Building. The Commission had previously discussed efforts at giving this area of the building interest and had suggested the panels as a future site of possible "bas relief" sculpture. The present proposal was for temporary panels depicting the history of the country and times of eight presidents. There was some general discussion with the Chairman suggesting that the bright yellow-orange color in juxtaposition with dark blue was far too garish. The consensus was that the orange should be replaced by a more neutral color such as sepia. The proposal was approved with such a proviso. Exhibit G

The public session of the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

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EXHIBIT A

14 July 1988

Dear Jack:

This confirms that the Commission inspected and discussed locating the Peace Garden at Haines Point on 16 June 1988. In meeting with Mr. Parsons and Mr. Dillingham, the Commission endorsed the site, subject to the development of a suitable program for the garden's design.

One question that arose was the disposition of the "Awakening" sculpture presently on the site. The Commission feels that it should not be included as a given in the design program. The members also wanted more information on the organization sponsoring the project, including names of the directors, and any advance material on the proposed competition. In fact we would like to have a close look at the competition program prior to its publication and distribution to the public.

Sincerely,



J. Carter Brown,
Chairman

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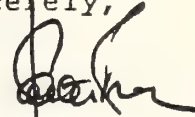
14 July 1988

Dear Mr. Kennon:

The Commission was happy to review plans for the addition of another unit at the Columbarium at Arlington National Cemetery on 16 June 1988. The Commission was quite taken with the elegance of the original court, the walls of which visually rise from the grass without any transition or base. Our principal suggestion about the new court is that they also give the appearance of emerging from the ground as the first one does. Grading and color of materials can help avoid the effect of seeing the stepped, pinkish granite base which unfortunately diminishes the appearance of the second court.

Several other suggestions involve either finding a way to replace or stabilize the flagstone pavers which are badly spalling in the ceremonial central space. Another visual problem is the use of white caulking on the paving - it would be much better were it to match the stone color. Finally we come to the visual axis from the Tomb of the Unknowns which in its present state is obstructed by a grove of trees. It should be possible to do enough selective pruning to clear a visual path which will enhance the design importance of both ends of the axis, and at the same time preserve the trees.

Sincerely,



J. Carter Brown,
Chairman

Mr. Herbert Kennon, Chief (CEEC-E)
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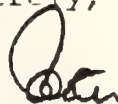
14 July 1988

Dear Dr. Robinson:

The Commission was happy to meet with you and Mr. Cooper to discuss plans for the new Amazonia Exhibit proposed for the National Zoo. The concept seems a first-rate way of re-utilizing the defunct Polar Bear Exhibit, and should provide a handsome addition to the National Zoo. As the final designs, material selection, and sculptural additions are developed we look forward to reviewing them with you.

We should add one note of caution against "ad hoc" planning of new facilities for a site as tight as that at the National Zoo. We note that the architecture of the Amazonia Exhibit is unique, though there are some familiar types of elements. There is a program for at least one additional structure near the lower part of the Amazonian site and we feel that stressing design harmony as early as possible is in everyone's interest. We look forward to sharing your enthusiasm for these new facilities as they emerge from concept to reality.

Sincerely,



J. Carter Brown,
Chairman

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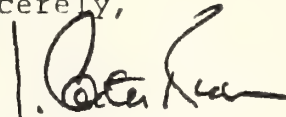
Dear Mr. Johnson:

During the Commission meeting of 16 June 1988, the members reviewed plans for the modification of two facilities at the International Center. The first proposal called for the installation of a security fence and placement of two stone culverts for the Chancery of Ghana now under construction adjacent to the Chancery of Israel. The second proposal featured a new child care playground for Intelsat employees.

While the Commission has no objection to the improvements intended for the chancery, it does have minor reservations concerning the playground as originally submitted. As submitted, the playground lacked shade trees and occupied a site separated from the Intelsat building by a new driveway. A revised plan, provided by Jim Edgins of your office, placed the playground adjacent to the building under a canopy of trees. The members believe the revised plan is a definite improvement and support its implementation.

As always, the staff will be available to you should questions arise.

Sincerely,



J. Carter Brown,
Chairman

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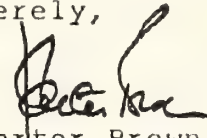
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Dear Mr. Greenberg:

During the Commission meeting of 16 June 1988, the members reviewed and approved plans for a new chimney on the 23rd Street side of the State Department Building. It is understood that this "addition" will match and compliment an existing chimney which is virtually invisible from public space. The Commission applauds the modesty of the proposal and the sensitivity of the design to the existing fabric of the building.

Sincerely,



J. Carter Brown,
Chairman

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16 June 1988

AGENDA ITEM EXHIBIT

<u>NO.</u>	<u>ADDRESS AND OWNER</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>
S.L. 88-75	501 G Street, N.W.	Restoration
HPA. 88-633	Preservation Development Company - commercial	& renovation - permit

ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed restoration and renovation of historic building as shown in working drawings received and dated 20 May 1988, which comply with previously approved concept (see S.L. 88-30). Intended awnings with valance lettering will be submitted under separate permit application.

S.L. 88-76	2029 Allen Place, N.W.	Rooftop
HPA 88-676	Jim Tom Haynes Residence	addition with deck and gazebo - concept

ACTION: No objection to concept of roof addition and gazebo. Applicant has agreed to lower new roof line and parapet to minimize impact on adjacent street and Rock Creek Park, as shown in supplemental drawings received and dated 23 June 1988.

S.L. 88-80	2328 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.	Build new
HPA. 88-710	Louis Statzer Residence	addition - permit

ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed addition as revised in drawings received and dated 3 June 1988.

16 June 1988

AGENDA ITEM EXHIBIT

<u>NO.</u>	<u>ADDRESS AND OWNER</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>
O.G. 88-107	1810-1812 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W.	Partial
HPA. 88-341	Warren K. Montouri	demolition
		- permit

ACTION: No objection to partial razing of rear portions of existing 1920's buildings to an extent no closer than 16 feet from the face of the buildings along Wisconsin Avenue, as shown in supplemental drawings received and dated 23 June 1988, as part of the construction of proposed new building.

O.G. 88-108	1810-1812 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W.	New building
HPA. 88-342	Warren K. Montouri	- concept
	Commercial/Residential	

ACTION: No objection to concept design of new building which shall be no higher than the parapet at 1828-1834 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W.

O.G. 88-141	<i>3278 Prospect Street.</i>	
HPA. 88-527	2328 Massachusetts Avenue , N.W.	New single
	Ravenna Cord	dwelling
	Residence	- concept

ACTION: The Commission notes that the Georgetown Board expressed serious concern about the proposed building height which exceeds considerably the norm of the immediate neighborhood. Request on this particular case that the applications be reviewed by the Board of Zoning Appeals and that its written report accompany resubmissions of this proposal at the appropriate time.

O.G. 88-149	3100 Dumbarton Street, N.W.	New pool,
HPA. 88-620	Kassoff, Hellyer, Ltd.	curb cut,
	Residence	and garage
		permit

ACTION: Removed from the 16 June CFA Agenda. On Hold pending further disussion.

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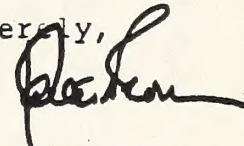
Dear Mr. Berliner:

During the Commission meeting of June 16 1988, the members reviewed three items submitted by the Pennsylvania Avenue Development Corporation. These items included a two-story sample panel of materials for Market Square, a revised design for the lighting of the south terrace at the Treasury Building, and a detailed proposal for the panel murals at the Federal Bureau of Investigation. With minor reservations, the Commission approved all three submissions.

The concerns expressed by the members are easily addressed. The dark green window surround proposed for Market Square seems too black and should be closer to the dark bronze shade of the Archives Building. The lighting scheme for the Treasury terrace is excellent but should be carefully adjusted so as to avoid a monotone wash on the Hamilton statue. Finally, the colors intended for the temporary murals at the Federal Bureau of Investigation are too loud and would benefit by the elimination of the orange tone.

As usual, the staff will be available should questions arise.

Sincerely,



J. Carter Brown,
Chairman

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